IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended): A file creation method which creates a program-addition file for adding a program to a program-initiation recording medium of an information processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

acquiring identification information of the program-initiation recording medium and model identification of the information processing apparatus in response to a program adding request received from a computer terminal connected to the information processing apparatus via a network; and

creating a program-addition file in response to the identification information and the model identification so that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium,

wherein the program-addition file comprises a program file, an electronic signature of the program file, a configuration file, and an electronic signature of the configuration file, so that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium.

2. (Previously Presented): The file creation method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of transmitting the program-addition file to the information processing apparatus via a network.

3. (Previously Presented): The file creation method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of storing the program-addition file in a program-addition recording medium which is used for the addition of the program to the program-initiation recording

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medium.

4. (Previously Presented): The file creation method according to claim 1, wherein, in the acquiring step, the identification information is acquired from a predetermined information provider device.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended): The file creation method according to claim [[5]] 1, wherein the creating step comprises:

acquiring the program file, the electronic signature of the program file, and the configuration file; and

creating a second electronic signature of the configuration file based on the identification information of the program-initiation recording medium and the acquired configuration file.

7. (Previously Presented): The file creation method according to claim 6, wherein the program file, the electronic signature of the program file, and the configuration file are acquired from a predetermined information provider device.

8. (Currently Amended): A server which creates a program-addition file for adding a program to a program-initiation recording medium of an information processing apparatus, comprising:

an identification-information acquisition unit acquiring identification information of the program-initiation recording medium and model identification of the information

processing apparatus in response to a program adding request received from a computer

terminal connected to the information processing apparatus via a network; and

a file creation unit creating a program-addition file in response to the identification

information and model identification, so that starting of the program on the information

processing apparatus is allowed by the program-addition file with the program stored in the

program-initiation recording medium,

wherein the program-addition file comprises a program file, an electronic signature of

the program file, a configuration file, and an electronic signature of the configuration file, so

that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the

program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium.

9. (Previously Presented): The server according to claim 8, further comprising a file

transmitting unit transmitting the program-addition file to the information processing

apparatus via a network.

10. (Previously Presented): The server according to claim 8, further comprising a file

transmitting unit transmitting the program-addition file to a computer terminal in which the

program-addition file is stored in a program-addition recording medium.

11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended): A computer terminal which stores a program-addition file

in a program-addition recording medium, the program-addition file being used to add a

program to a program-initiation recording medium of an information processing apparatus,

the computer terminal comprising:

an information transmitting unit transmitting, to a server, a program adding request, which causes the server to acquire identification information of the program-initiation recording medium and model identification of the information processing apparatus in response to the program adding request;

a file receiving unit receiving, from the server, a program-addition file which is created by the server in response to the identification information and the model identification so that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium; and

a file storing unit storing the received program-addition file into the program-addition recording medium,

wherein the program-addition file comprises a program file, an electronic signature of the program file, a configuration file, and an electronic signature of the configuration file, so that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended): A computer-readable recording medium storing a program embodied therein for causing a computer to execute a file creation method which creates a program-addition file for adding a program to a program-initiation recording medium of an information processing apparatus, the file creation method comprising:

acquiring identification information of the program-initiation recording medium and model identification of the information processing apparatus in response to a program adding request received from a computer terminal connected to the information processing apparatus

via a network; and

creating a program-addition file in response to the identification information and the model identification so that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium,

wherein the program-addition file comprises a program file, an electronic signature of the program file, a configuration file, and an electronic signature of the configuration file, so that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium.

15. (Canceled).

16. (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus which adds a program to a program-initiation recording medium by using a program-addition recording medium in which a program-addition file for adding the program to the program-initiation recording medium is stored, the information processing apparatus comprising:

a recording-medium detection unit detecting the program-addition recording medium in which the program-addition file is recorded; and

a program addition unit performing an authentication check of the program-addition file read from the program-addition recording medium based on model identification of the information processing apparatus, and adding the program to the program-initiation recording medium according to a result of the authentication check,

wherein the program-addition file comprises a program file, an electronic signature of the program file, a configuration file, and an electronic signature of the configuration file, so that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the

program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium.

17. (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein, when there are two or more program-initiation recording mediums, the program addition unit displays a screen to select one of the program-initiation recording mediums, and adds the program to the selected program-initiation recording medium.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended): A program addition system comprising:

a server which creates a program-addition file for being stored in a program-addition recording medium; and

an information processing apparatus which adds a program to a program-initiation recording medium by using the program-addition recording medium,

wherein the server is configured to acquire identification information of the program-initiation recording medium and model identification of the information processing apparatus in response to a program adding request received from a computer terminal connected to the information processing apparatus via a network, and to create a program-addition file in response to the identification information and the model identification, so that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium,

wherein the information processing apparatus is configured to detect the program-addition recording medium in which the program-addition file is recorded, to perform an authentication check of the program-addition file read from the program-addition recording medium, and to add the program to the program-initiation recording medium according to a

result of the authentication check,

wherein the program-addition file comprises a program file, an electronic signature of

the program file, a configuration file, and an electronic signature of the configuration file, so

that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the

program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium.

20. (Currently Amended): A program addition system comprising:

a server which creates a program-addition file for being stored in a program-addition

recording medium; and

an information processing apparatus which adds a program to a program-initiation

recording medium by using the program-addition recording medium,

wherein the server is configured to acquire identification information of the program-

initiation recording medium and model identification of the information processing apparatus

in response to a program adding request received from a computer terminal connected to the

information processing apparatus via a network, and to create a program-addition file in

response to the identification information and the model identification, so that starting of the

program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the program-addition file with

the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium,

wherein the information processing apparatus is configured to receive the program-

addition file from the server, to perform an authentication check of the received program-

addition file, and to add the program to the program-initiation recording medium according to

a result of the authentication check,

wherein the program-addition file comprises a program file, an electronic signature of

the program file, a configuration file, and an electronic signature of the configuration file, so

that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the

program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium.

21. (Canceled).